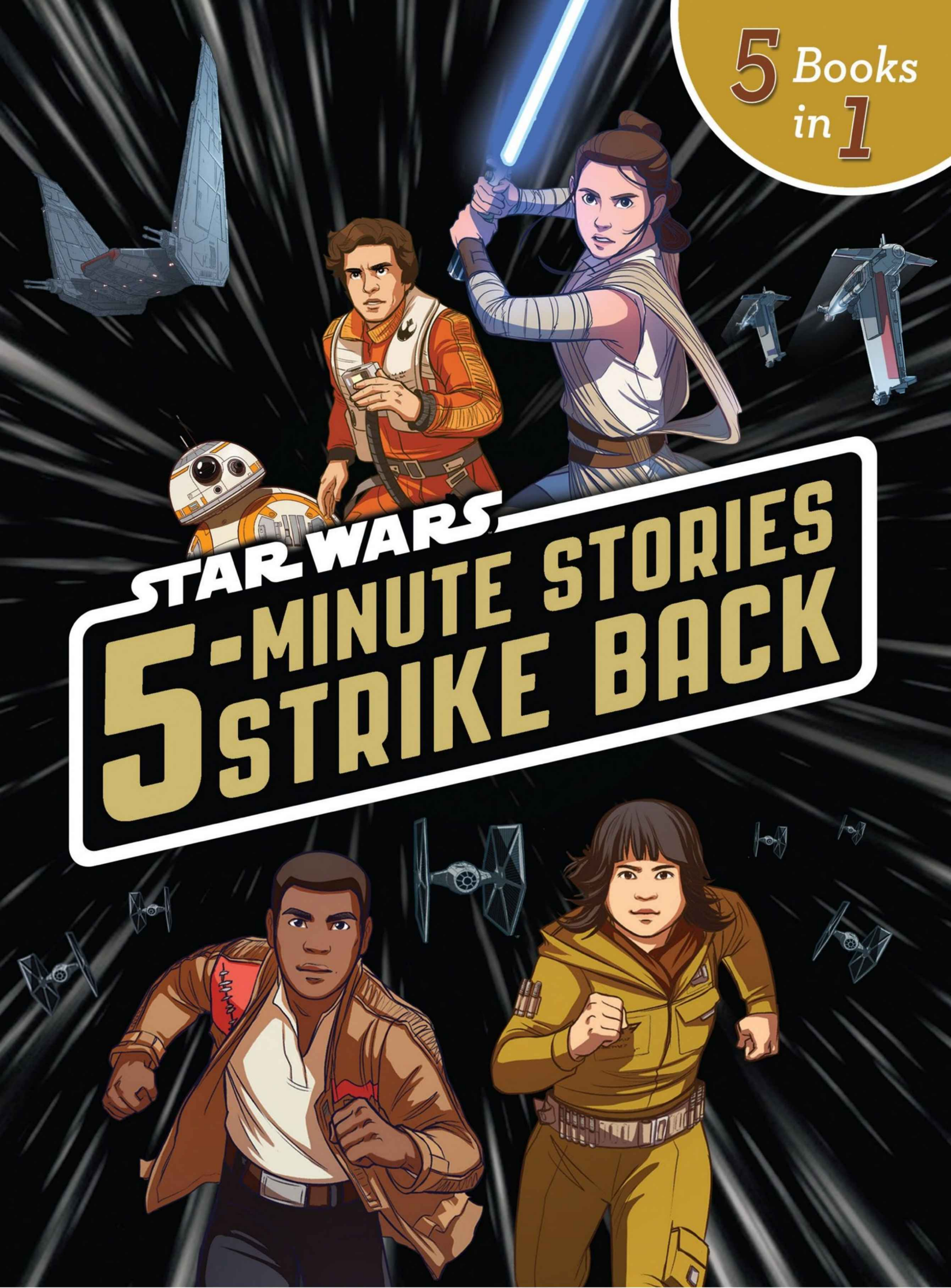
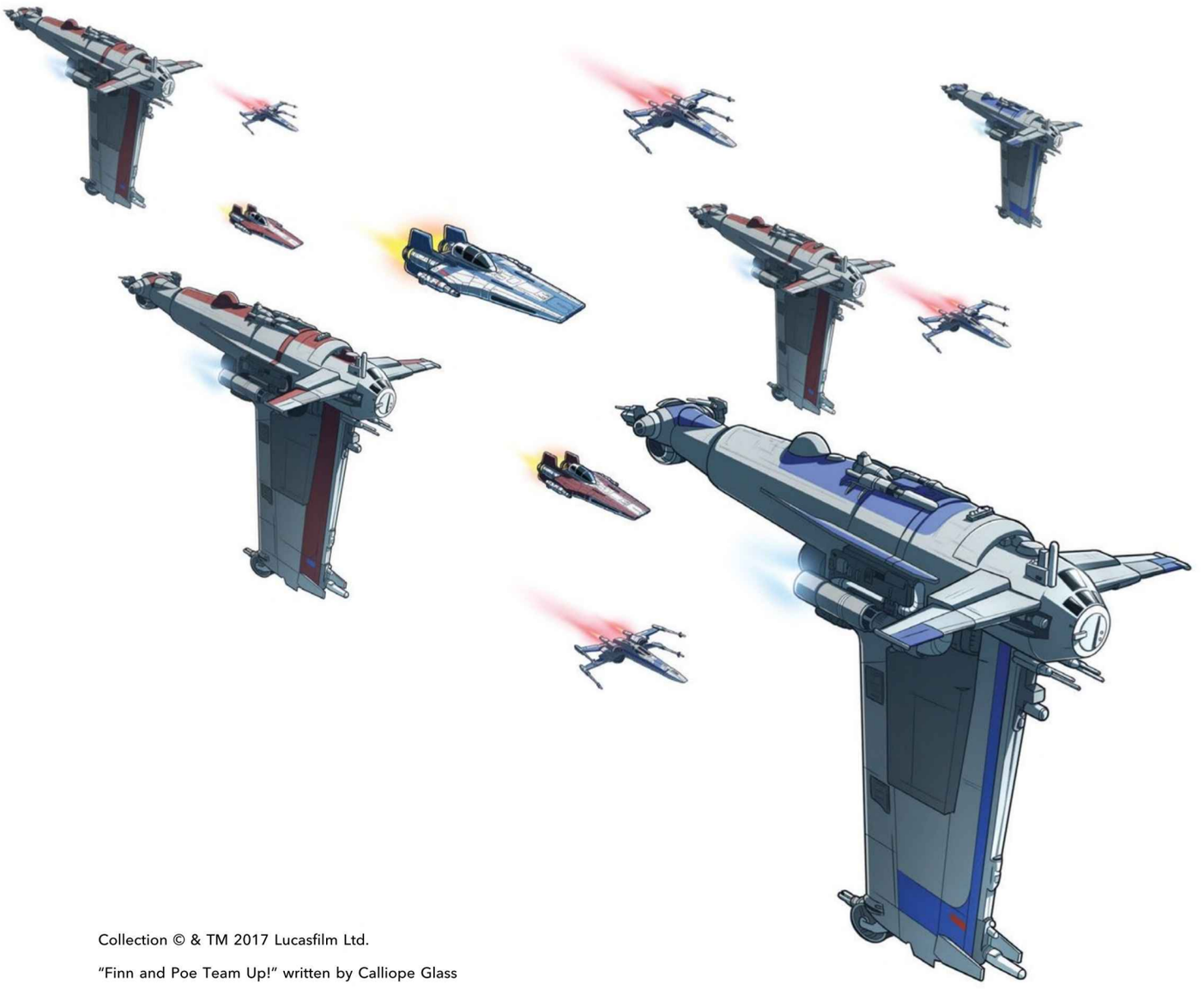

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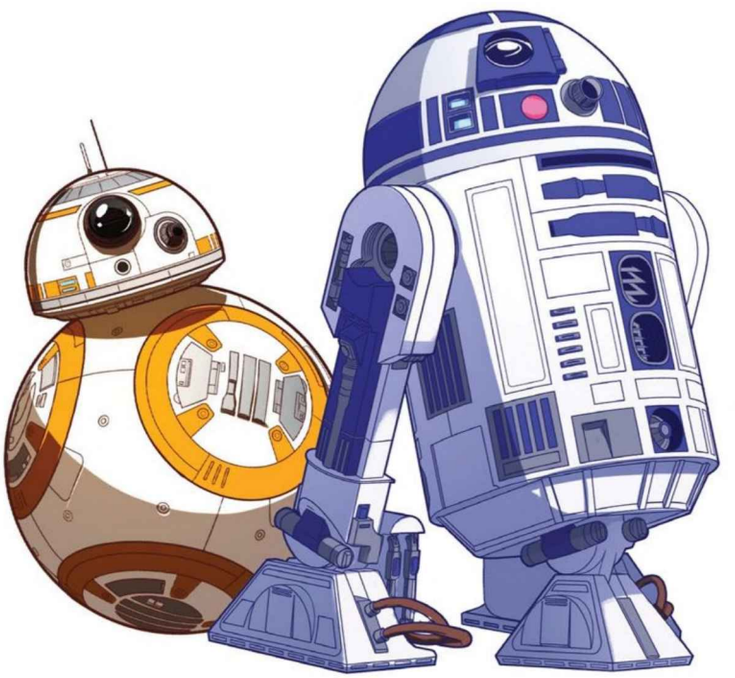
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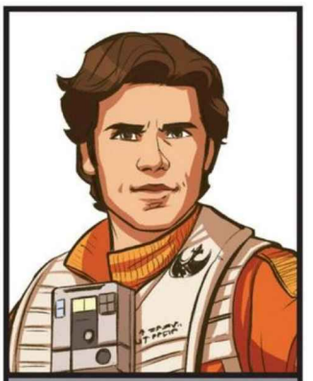
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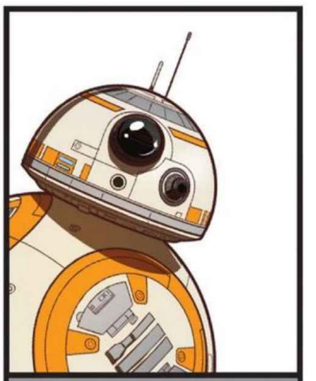
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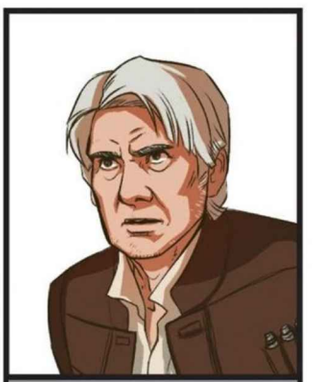
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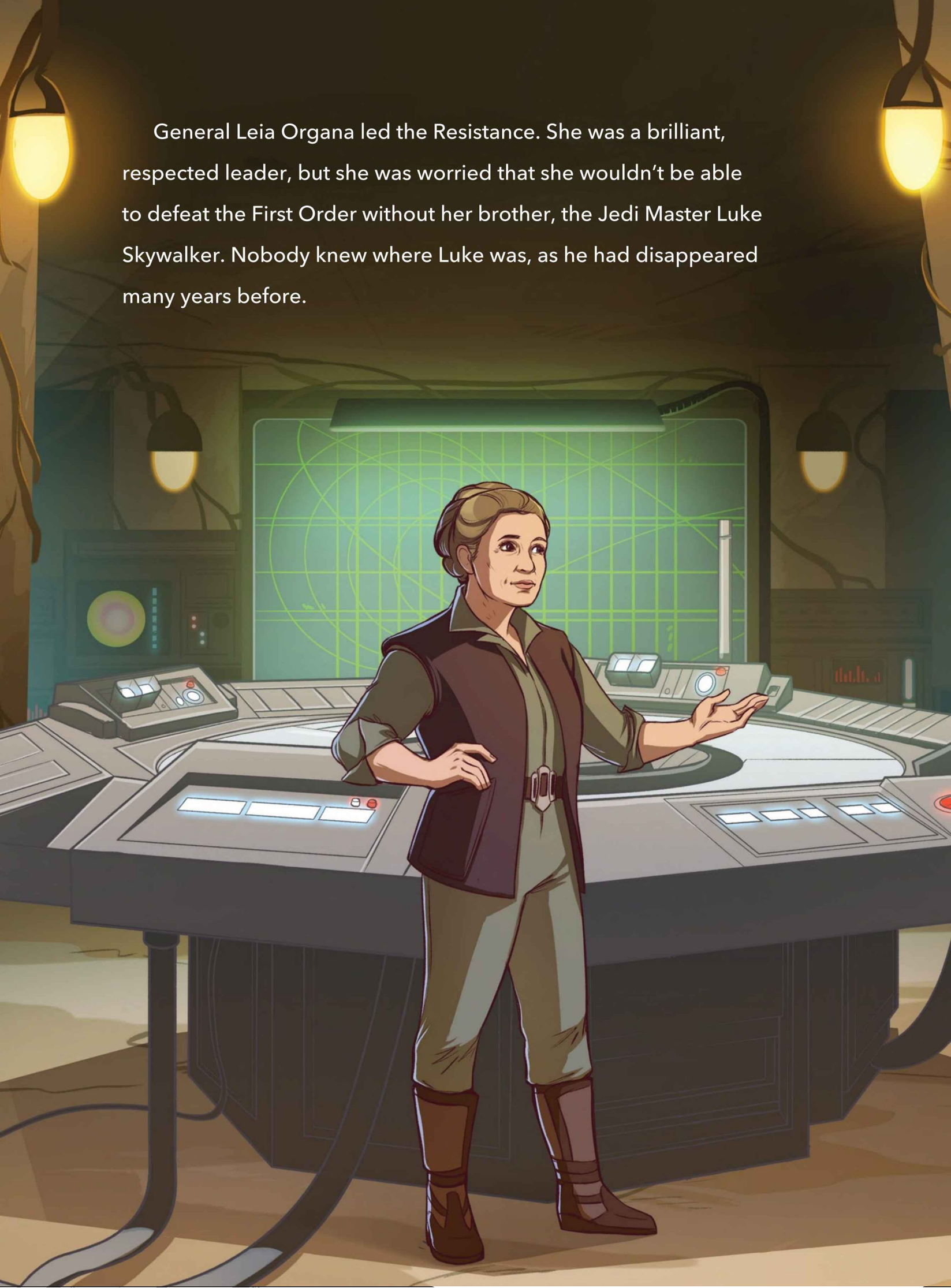
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FINN AND POE TEAM UP!

Poe Dameron was the best pilot in the Resistance. He flew an X-wing starship, and with his faithful droid, BB-8, at his back, nobody could catch him!

The Resistance was fighting the First Order—a sinister organization that had risen out of the ashes of the evil Empire. The Rebellion had defeated the Empire many years earlier. But now the First Order was on the rise, and the Resistance was getting desperate.





General Leia Organa led the Resistance. She was a brilliant, respected leader, but she was worried that she wouldn't be able to defeat the First Order without her brother, the Jedi Master Luke Skywalker. Nobody knew where Luke was, as he had disappeared many years before.

General Organa personally chose Poe Dameron to help her track down Luke. Poe's mission was to go to a man named Lor San Tekka on the desert planet of Jakku. Leia hoped that Lor might have information that could help lead them to Luke Skywalker.



Soon Poe and BB-8 had found Lor San Tekka.

"This will begin to make things right," the old man told Poe, handing him a data chip that contained a map to Luke. "Without the Jedi, there can be no balance in the Force."

But just then, BB-8 rolled into Lor's hut, beeping frantically.

"We've got company," Poe said grimly. The First Order had arrived.





Outside the little desert village, a large transport had landed and First Order troopers were spilling out of it. They were also searching for the map to Luke Skywalker. General Organa wasn't the only person looking for Luke. Kylo Ren—a warrior with the First Order who was strong in the dark side of the Force—wanted to find the Jedi Knight and destroy him.

Poe saw the First Order stormtroopers attacking the town and knew that he needed to help the innocent villagers. But he couldn't risk the map falling into the hands of the First Order. The fate of the galaxy depended on it!

So Poe gave the data chip to BB-8.



"It's safer with you than it is with me," Poe told his droid. "You get as far away from here as you can." The little robot beeped and whizzed away across the sand. Soon he had disappeared entirely.

BB-8 and the map were safe . . . but Poe was not.

The battle was brief but brutal. Poe was captured by the First Order and taken back to their Star Destroyer.

As Poe was walked to his cell, one particular First Order trooper watched him go. This trooper was different. He didn't want to fight for the First Order. FN-2187 just wanted to be free. But he had no way to get away from the First Order.

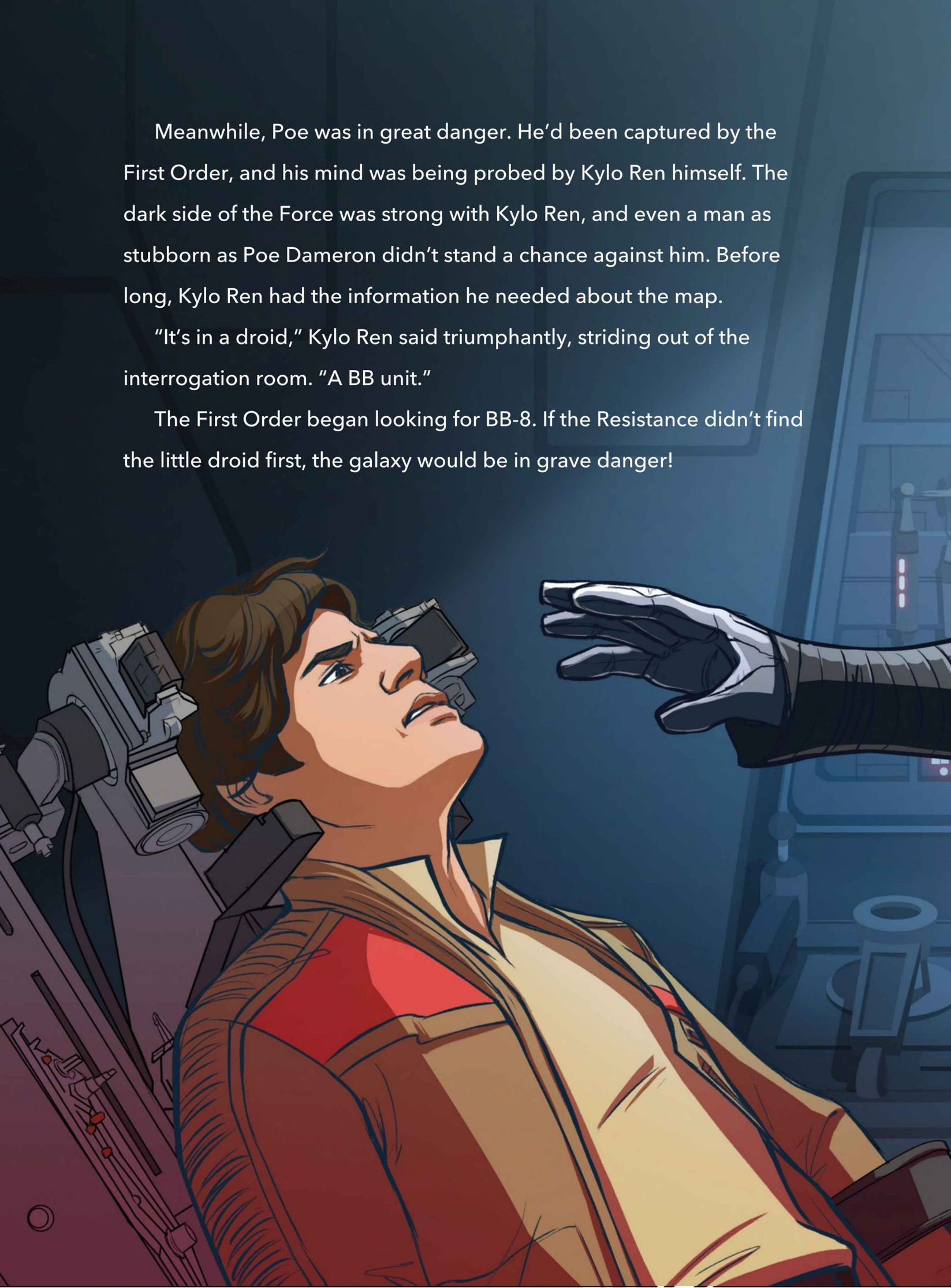
As FN-2187 watched the Resistance pilot being shoved into his cell, a daring idea came to him.



Meanwhile, Poe was in great danger. He'd been captured by the First Order, and his mind was being probed by Kylo Ren himself. The dark side of the Force was strong with Kylo Ren, and even a man as stubborn as Poe Dameron didn't stand a chance against him. Before long, Kylo Ren had the information he needed about the map.

"It's in a droid," Kylo Ren said triumphantly, striding out of the interrogation room. "A BB unit."

The First Order began looking for BB-8. If the Resistance didn't find the little droid first, the galaxy would be in grave danger!







FN-2187 was ready to act. All he needed was a pilot . . . and the First Order had brought one right to him! He would help Poe Dameron escape and hitch a ride.

Now FN-2187 just had to convince the Resistance pilot to escape *with* him.

FN-2187 escorted Poe Dameron from his cell.

"Listen carefully," he murmured. "You do exactly as I say and I can get you out of here."

Poe grinned. "We're gonna do this," he said.

FN-2187 liked him already.





FN-2187 and the pilot snuck into the Star Destroyer's hangar and climbed into a TIE fighter.

The pilot was excited.

"I always wanted to fly one of these things!" he told FN-2187. "Can you shoot?"

FN-2187 had shot a blaster before, but he'd never used a ship's weapons. As Poe piloted the ship toward the hangar opening, the First Order troopers began to fire on them.

FN-2187 fired back.

He was getting the hang of it!





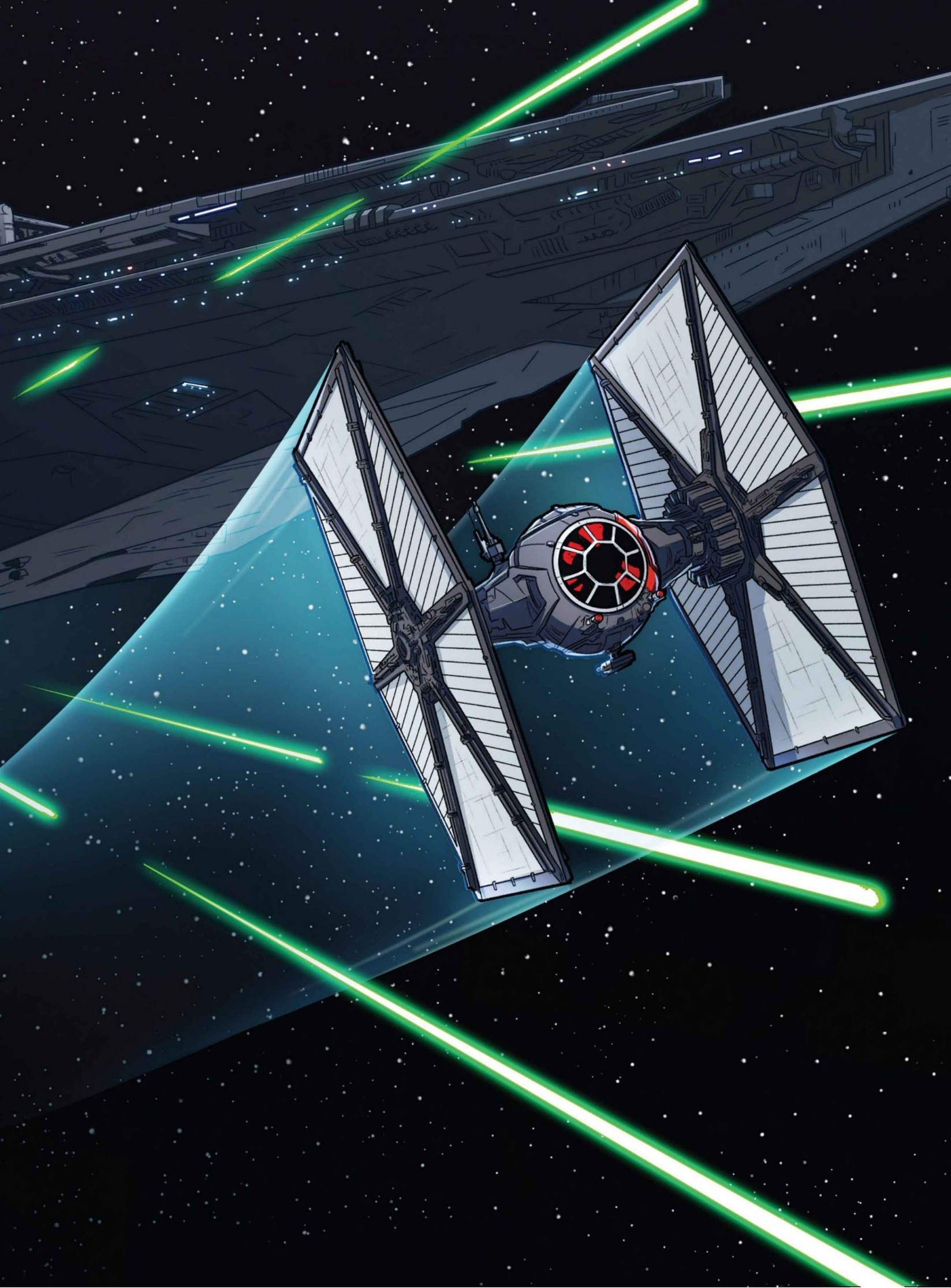
Soon Poe and FN-2187 were rocketing into space. The Star Destroyer shot its cannons after them.

"We have to take out as many cannons as we can," Poe yelled to FN-2187. "Or we're not going to get very far!"

FN-2187 aimed carefully . . . and fired. A whole bank of cannons exploded!

"Yes!" FN-2187 yelled. "You see that?"

"I saw it!" Poe yelled, laughing. Their TIE fighter sped away from the Star Destroyer, into the safety of open space. They had escaped.



"Hey," Poe said to his new friend as he guided the TIE fighter through space. "What's your name?"

"Eff-Enn-Two-One-Eight-Seven!" the young trooper answered. Poe blinked, surprised.

"That's the only name they ever gave me!" FN-2187 explained.

"Well, I ain't using it," Poe said indignantly. "I'm gonna call you Finn."

"I like that!" Finn said.



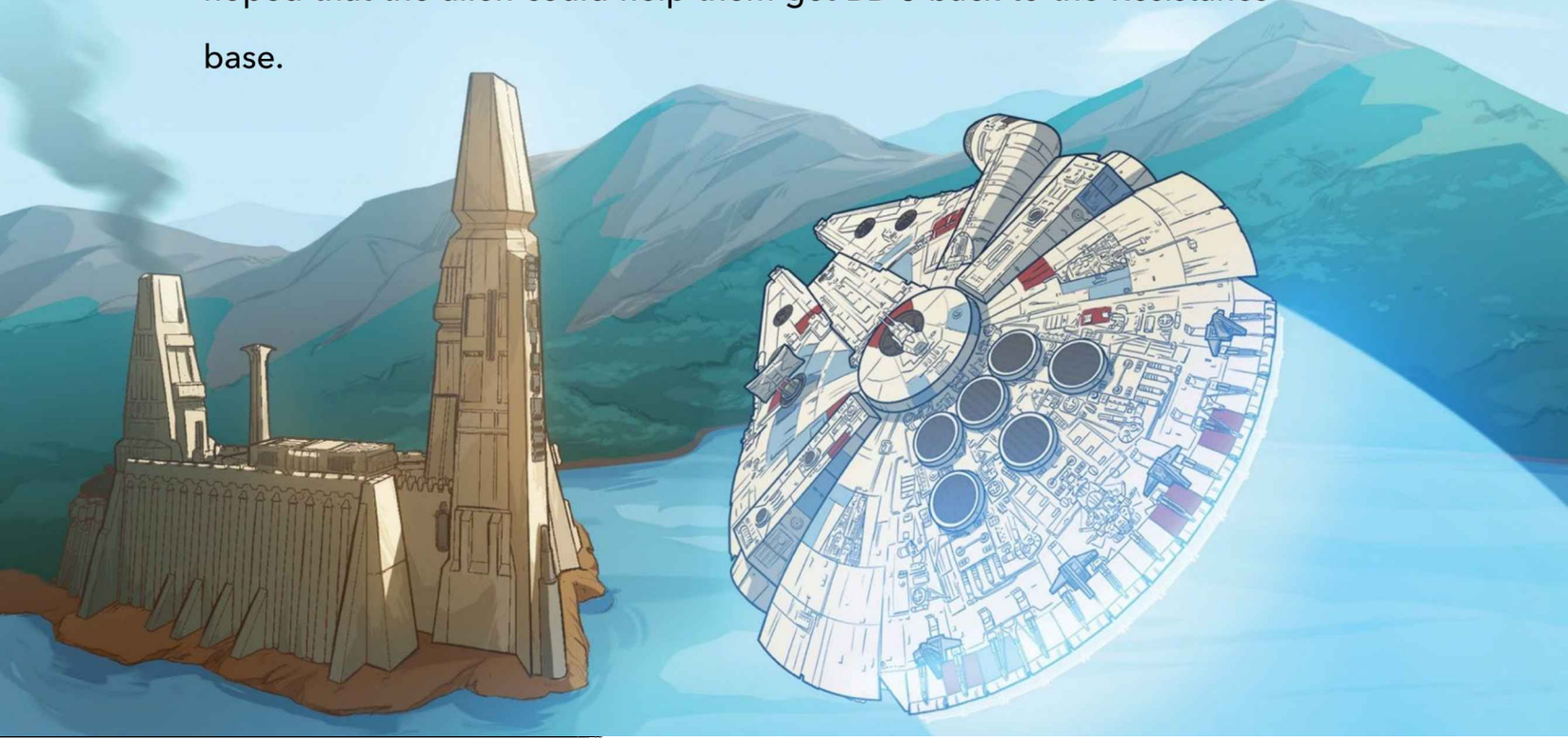
Finn and Poe had escaped from the First Order. Now they needed to find BB-8 and get that map back to the Resistance. It was a tall order . . . but they were ready for their next adventure!

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MISSION TO MAZ

Rey was an orphan who lived on the desert planet Jakku. She had found the little droid BB-8 when he was separated from his master, Resistance pilot Poe Dameron. The two had become good friends. BB-8 had even shown Rey the map to Luke Skywalker that he was carrying for the Resistance. The First Order wanted the map, too, and had tried to capture BB-8. But Rey had fought off the First Order stormtroopers and promised BB-8 that she would help him get back to the Resistance.

Now Rey, BB-8, and their new friends Finn, Han Solo, and Chewbacca were zooming across the galaxy in the *Millennium Falcon* to visit Han's friend Maz, who lived in a giant castle on the lush planet Takodana. They hoped that the alien could help them get BB-8 back to the Resistance base.



Maz greeted Han and his friends with a smile and served them a big meal. When she heard they were protecting a map to Luke Skywalker, she urged them to keep fighting against the dark side. But Finn shook his head.

"There is no fight against the First Order! Not one we can win."



Finn knew the First Order was looking for them, and he wanted to run. When Maz pointed to two pirates who would take him to the Outer Rim, Finn decided to leave.



Rey jumped to her feet.

"Don't go," she begged her friend.

Finn asked her to leave with him, but Rey said no. She had promised to help BB-8 get back to the Resistance, and she wouldn't go back on her word. As Finn left Maz's castle, Rey felt something pull her toward a stone stairway.

Rey followed the stairs to a long corridor and into a dark room. She lifted the lid of a wooden box and saw a strange object. It was a lightsaber!



But when Rey touched the weapon, painful images suddenly filled her mind. Some were memories from her lonely past, but some were of people and places she had never seen before.

Rey dropped the lightsaber and stepped back. She was afraid.



Maz appeared and rushed to Rey's side.

"That lightsaber was Luke's," Maz said. "And his father's before him. And now it calls to you!"

Maz explained that the Force moved through and surrounded every living thing. She told Rey to take the lightsaber with her, but Rey was scared. She shook her head.

"I don't want any part of this," Rey said.

She turned and ran out of castle and deep into the forest.

But Finn had been right. There was an enemy spy at Maz's castle. She had alerted the First Order, and the castle was under attack!

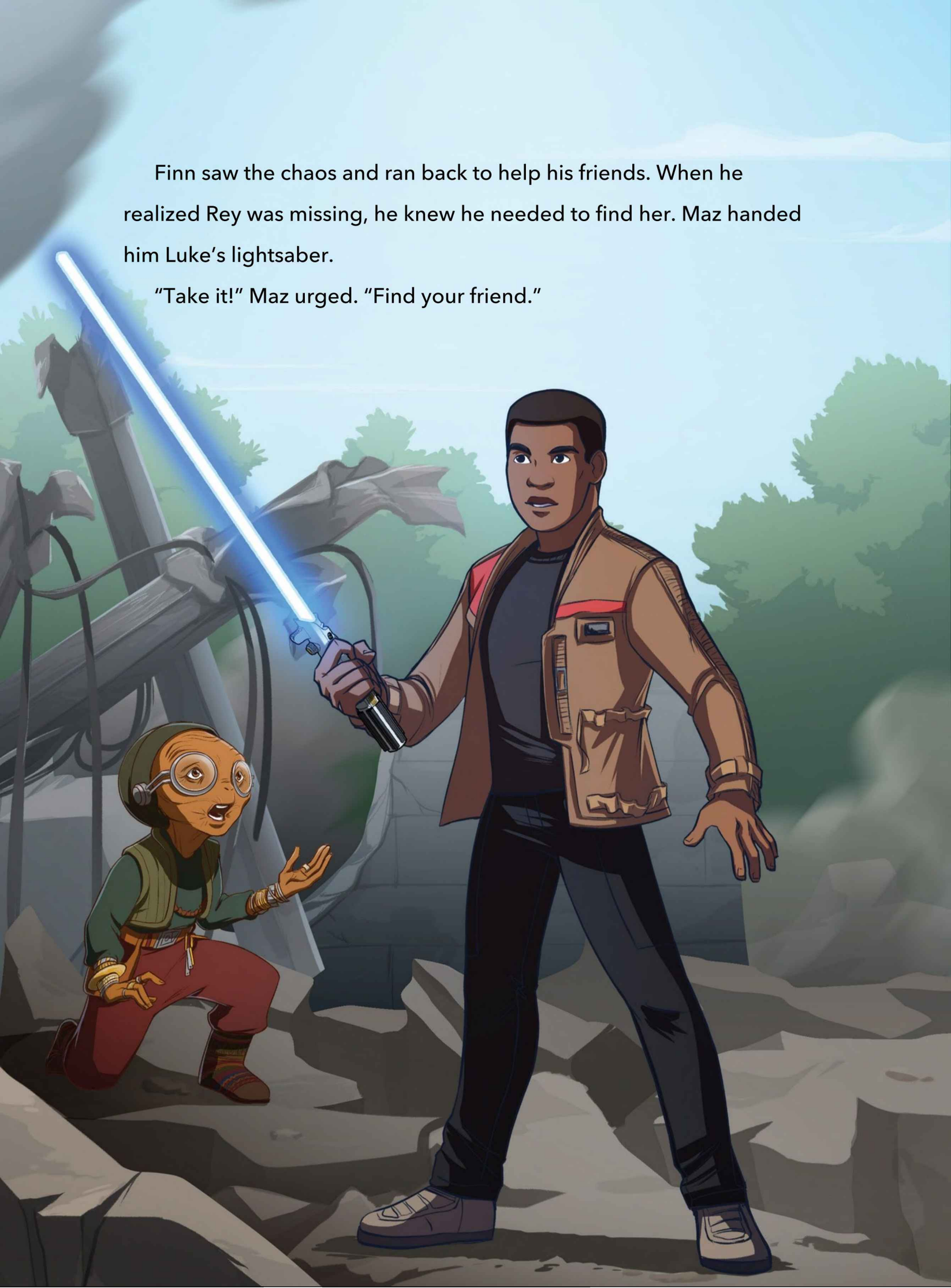
Blasts filled the sky as large black TIE fighters swarmed overhead.



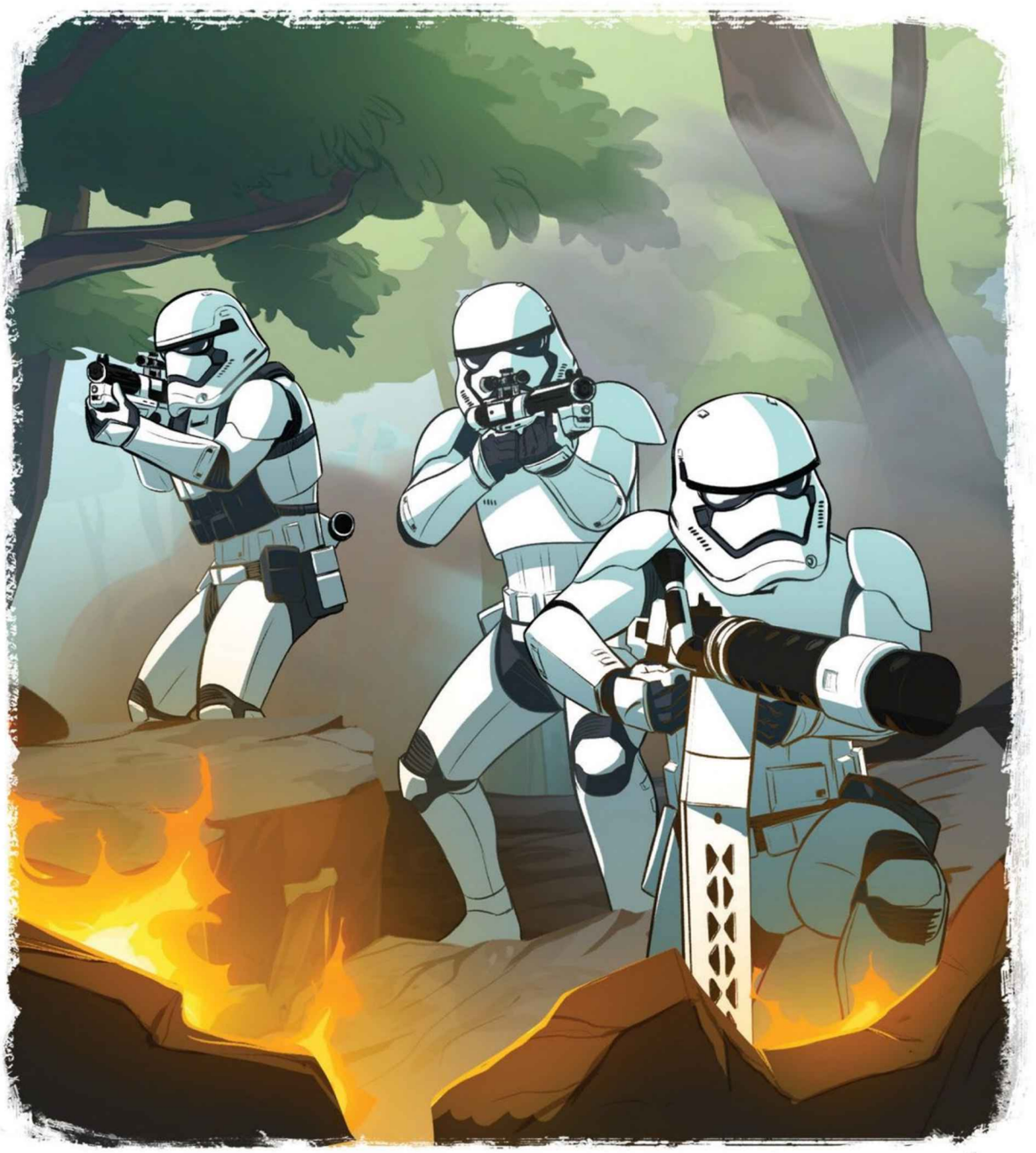


Finn saw the chaos and ran back to help his friends. When he realized Rey was missing, he knew he needed to find her. Maz handed him Luke's lightsaber.

"Take it!" Maz urged. "Find your friend."



Finn nodded. He, Han, and Chewie raced from the castle to find Rey, but stormtroopers blocked their path.



Finn had never used a lightsaber before, but he had been trained to fight when he was a stormtrooper. Finn swung the lightsaber, battling his way across the rubble.



Rey skidded to a stop in the forest when a creature in a black cape and a heavy mask marched out of the trees. It was the man from one of her visions—Kylo Ren!

Kylo Ren was a dark warrior for the First Order. He'd come to Takodana to steal BB-8's map. He knew that a girl had helped the droid escape, and he wanted Rey to tell him where he could find BB-8.



Kylo's lightsaber jolted to life. The weapon's red glow lit Rey's face as Kylo Ren used the Force to keep her from running away.

"The droid. Where is it?" he asked.

Rey refused to give up her friend's location, but Kylo Ren sensed that she had seen the map. He carried her back to his ship so he could ask her more questions. He was determined to find Luke Skywalker.

Just then, X-wings swooped in overhead, and the stormtroopers scattered.

Another spy in Maz's castle had alerted the Resistance! Poe Dameron and the Resistance pilots had come to the rescue, and they wasted no time fighting off the First Order from the sky.

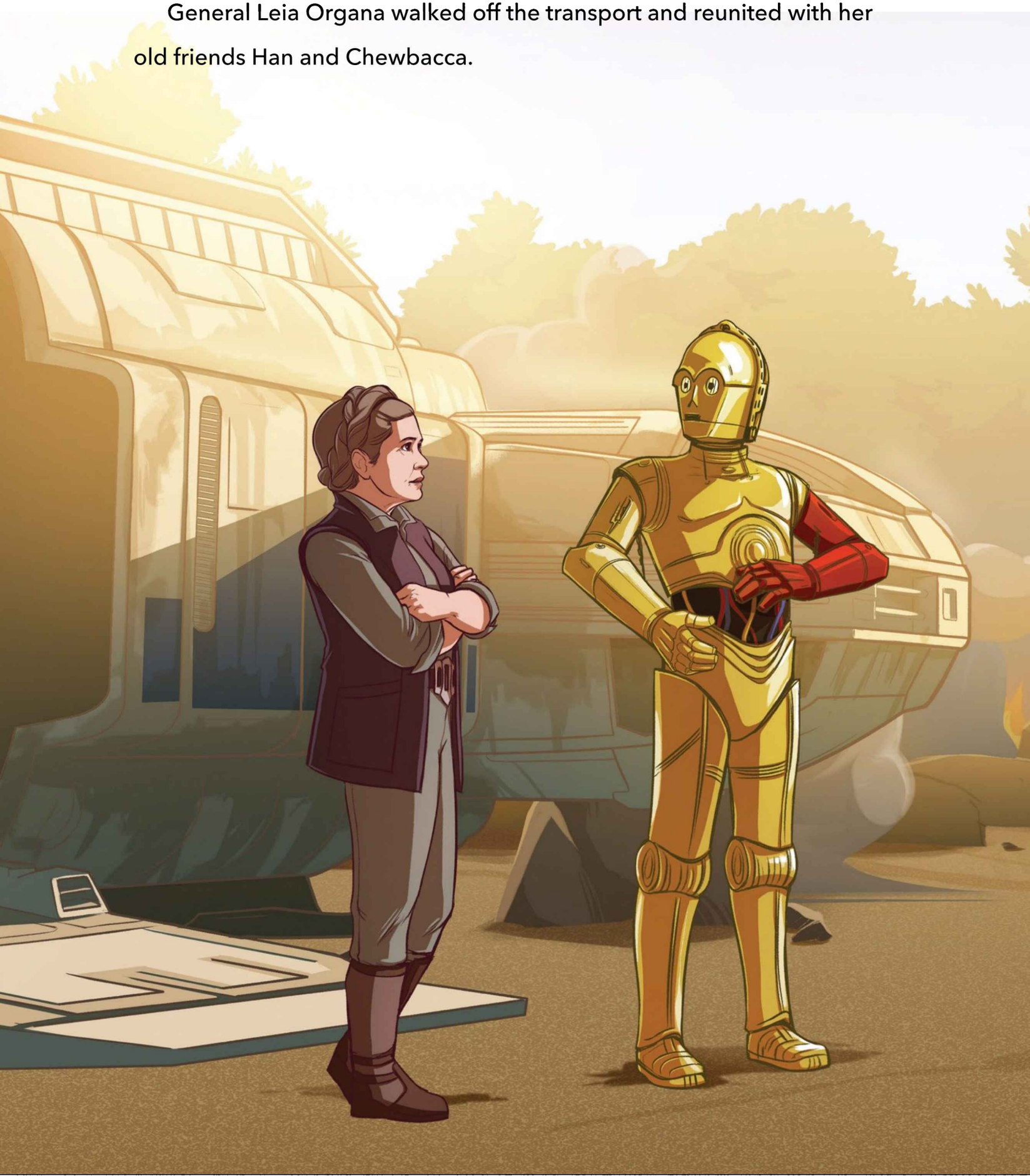




But it was too late. Kylo Ren marched up the ramp to his ship with Rey in his arms. The black shuttle lifted off and shot through the sky, carrying Kylo and Rey all the way to the First Order headquarters—Starkiller Base!

As Kylo Ren's troops left Takodana, a new Resistance ship landed near the lake.

General Leia Organa walked off the transport and reunited with her old friends Han and Chewbacca.



But Leia's heart sank as she looked at the crumbled castle. She had spent her life fighting the dark side, and she was determined to protect her people from the First Order. She hoped using BB-8's map to find Luke Skywalker would help bring peace to the galaxy.



General Organa took Han, Chewie, Finn, and BB-8 back to her base. BB-8 and the map were safe, and the Resistance had a new mission: to save the galaxy by destroying Starkiller Base. But first they had to save Rey from Kylo Ren.

Rey had been a brave friend. She had helped return BB-8 to the Resistance. Now the Resistance would help her!

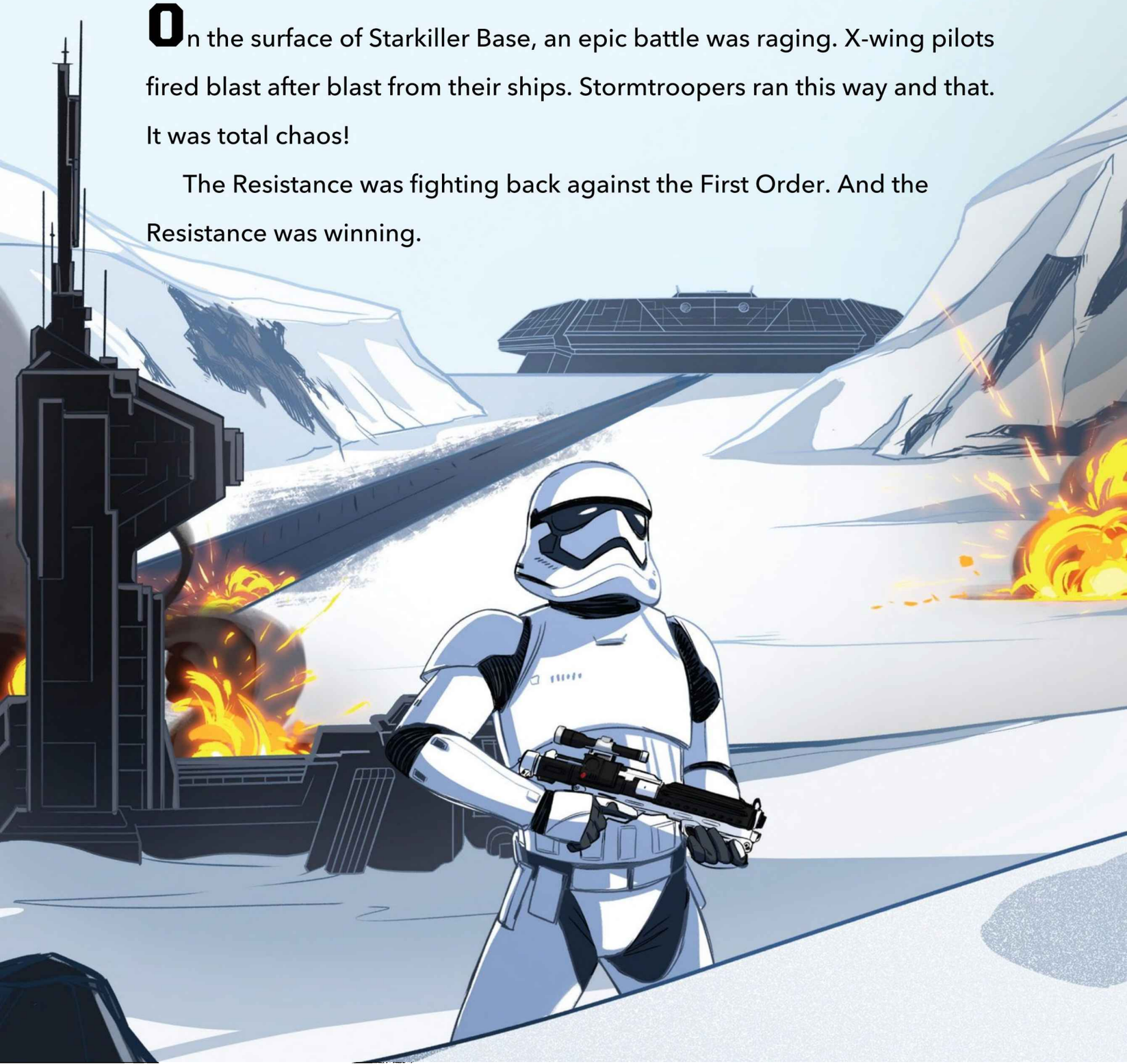


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THE FIGHT IN THE FOREST

On the surface of Starkiller Base, an epic battle was raging. X-wing pilots fired blast after blast from their ships. Stormtroopers ran this way and that. It was total chaos!

The Resistance was fighting back against the First Order. And the Resistance was winning.



The First Order was an evil group of people trying to rule the galaxy. They planned to take over using their Starkiller: a powerful weapon inside a planet.

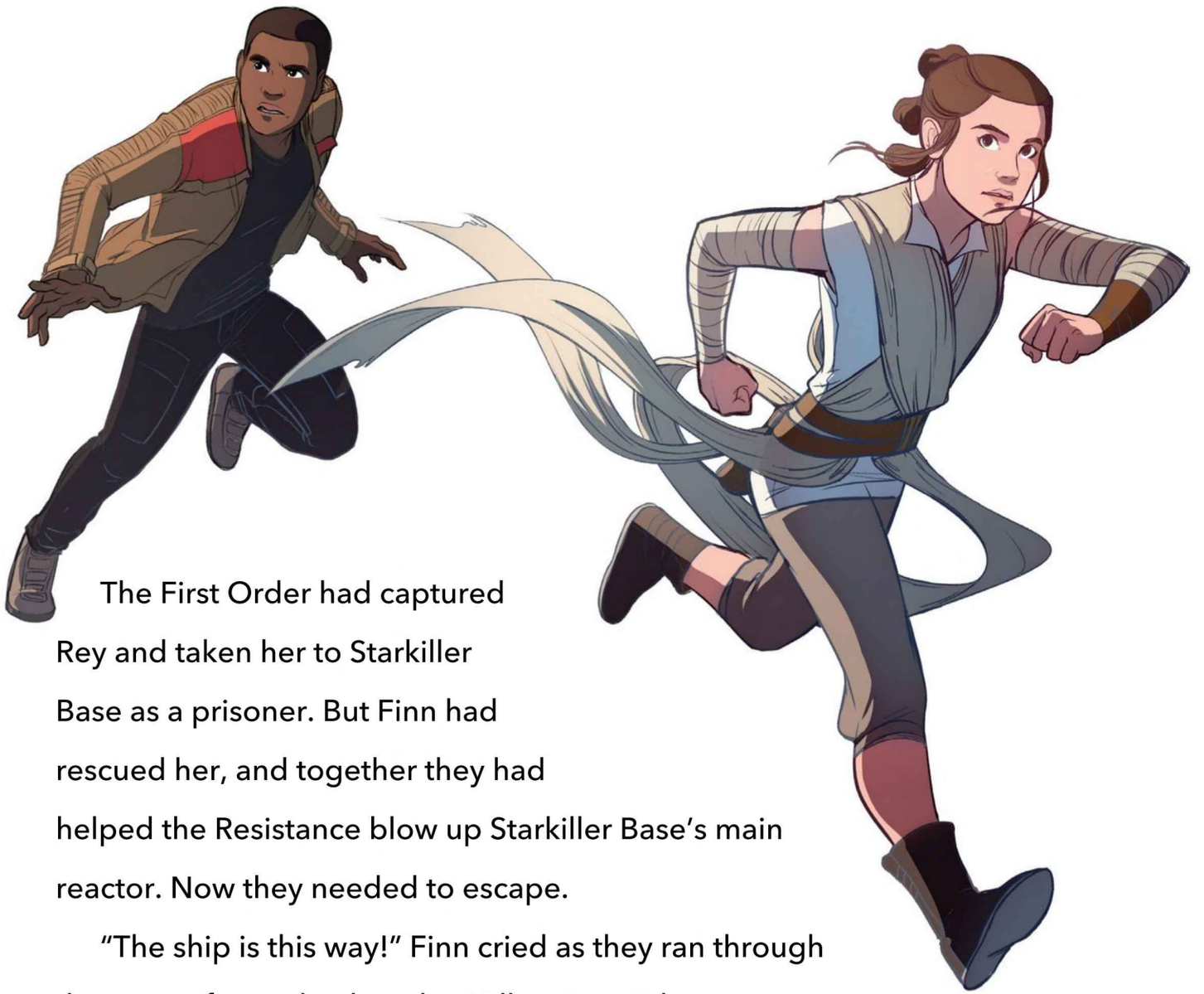


But the Resistance had figured out a way to blow up Starkiller Base's power reactor. Now the entire planet was cracking apart. Everyone needed to evacuate before it was too late.

Two members of the Resistance, Rey and Finn, were still on the planet's surface.

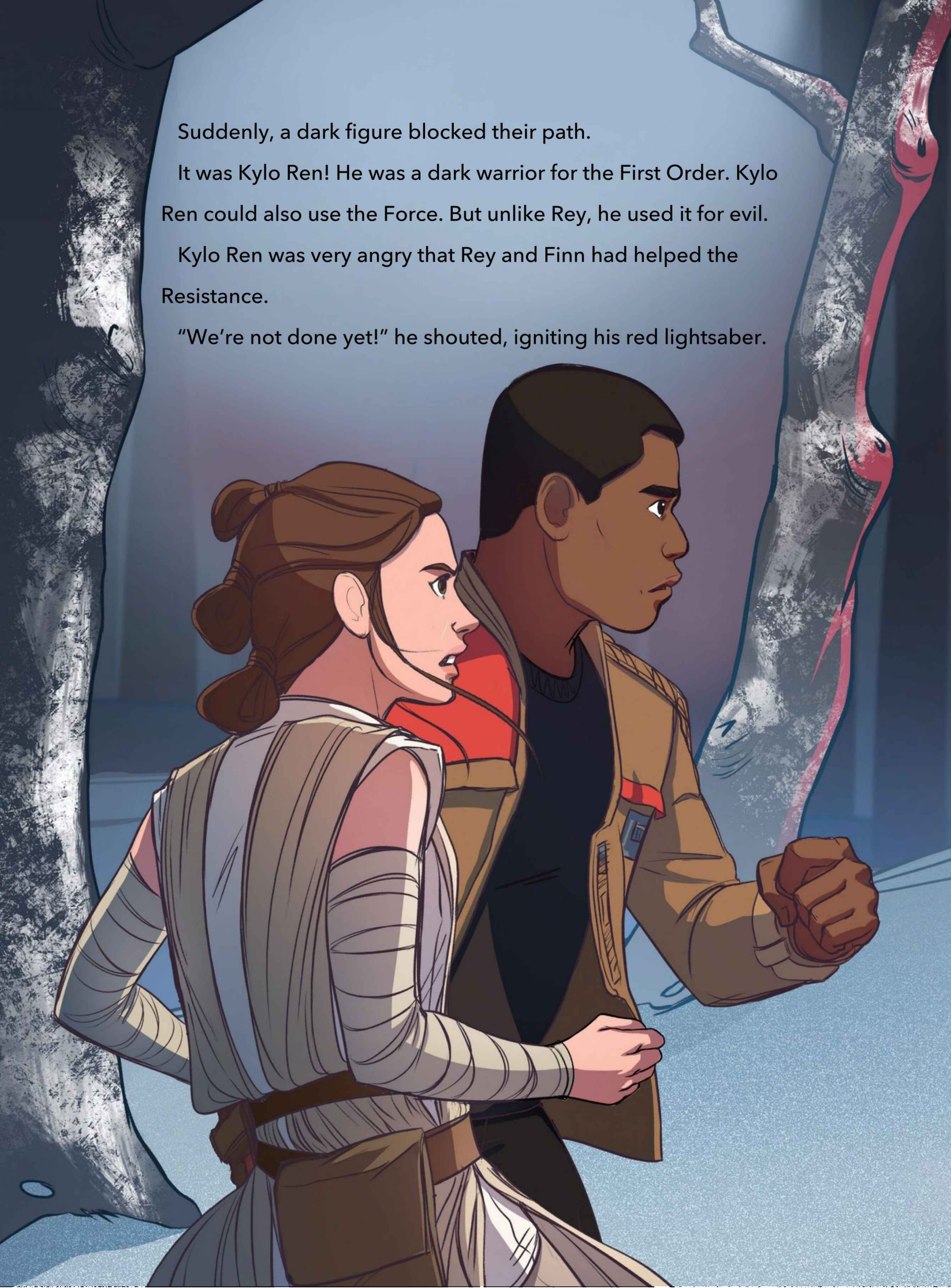
Finn used to be a First Order stormtrooper, but he no longer wanted to fight for the evil group.

Rey was an orphan who had recently discovered she could use the Force—a powerful energy field that could be controlled for good or evil. Rey used the Force for good.



The First Order had captured Rey and taken her to Starkiller Base as a prisoner. But Finn had rescued her, and together they had helped the Resistance blow up Starkiller Base's main reactor. Now they needed to escape.

"The ship is this way!" Finn cried as they ran through the snowy forest, back to the *Millennium Falcon*.



Suddenly, a dark figure blocked their path.

It was Kylo Ren! He was a dark warrior for the First Order. Kylo Ren could also use the Force. But unlike Rey, he used it for evil.

Kylo Ren was very angry that Rey and Finn had helped the Resistance.

"We're not done yet!" he shouted, igniting his red lightsaber.



Rey *hated* Kylo Ren. He had defeated her friend and his own father, Han Solo, during a confrontation on Starkiller Base. Han Solo was gone, and it was all Kylo Ren's fault.

"You're a monster!" Rey yelled at him.

That made Kylo Ren even angrier. He used the Force to slam Rey into a tree.

"Rey!" Finn cried. His friend had been knocked out.

Finn would have to fight Kylo Ren on his own.



Finn ignited Rey's blue lightsaber. It was a Jedi Knight's weapon, and he wasn't entirely sure how to use it. But he was going to try!

Kylo Ren sneered. Who did that traitor think he was to challenge Kylo Ren with the weapon of a Jedi?

"That lightsaber. It belongs to me," Kylo Ren said.

"Oh, yeah?" Finn replied angrily. "Come get it!"

Finn fought bravely. But Kylo Ren was very strong.

Crackle! Their lightsabers clashed against each other.

Sizzle! Finn's burning blue lightsaber grazed Kylo Ren's arm.

Kylo Ren howled in rage.

Kylo Ren slashed at Finn more powerfully than ever. Finn was caught off guard. He stumbled, and Kylo Ren landed a hit right in Finn's shoulder!

Then Kylo Ren swiped the lightsaber out of Finn's grasp and knocked him to the ground. Finn was badly hurt.



Kylo Ren turned off his lightsaber. The battle was finished. All he needed to do was take the blue lightsaber and escape the planet, leaving Rey and Finn behind.

Kylo Ren reached out with the Force. He commanded the blue lightsaber to come to him. But something was wrong.



The lightsaber flew to Rey instead!

Rey had woken up and used the Force to make the lightsaber come to her.

Now *she* would battle Kylo Ren.

Kylo Ren was shocked. How could a girl with no training in the ways of the Force overrule his command?

How powerful was she?

Kylo Ren intended to find out. He ignited his lightsaber again, ready to fight!

Rey battled furiously. But her swings were wild and off-balance. Kylo Ren backed her up to the edge of a cliff in the forest.

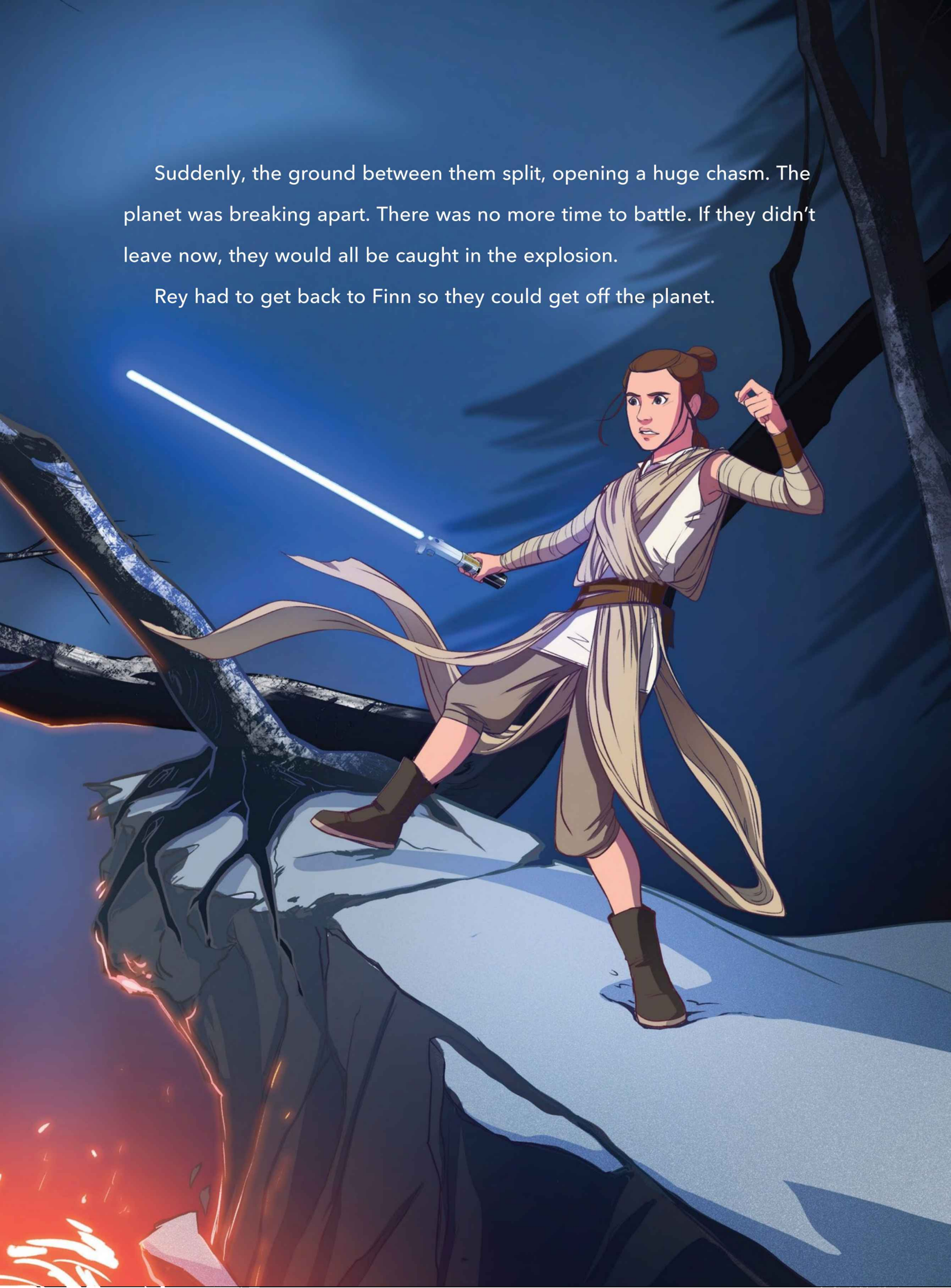


"You need a teacher!" Kylo Ren shouted angrily. He wanted Rey to join the dark side. "I can show you the ways of the Force."

"The Force," Rey whispered. She closed her eyes and concentrated. She felt the Force flow through her.

This time, when Rey used the lightsaber, her swings were strong and controlled. She pushed Kylo Ren back. She was going to win!





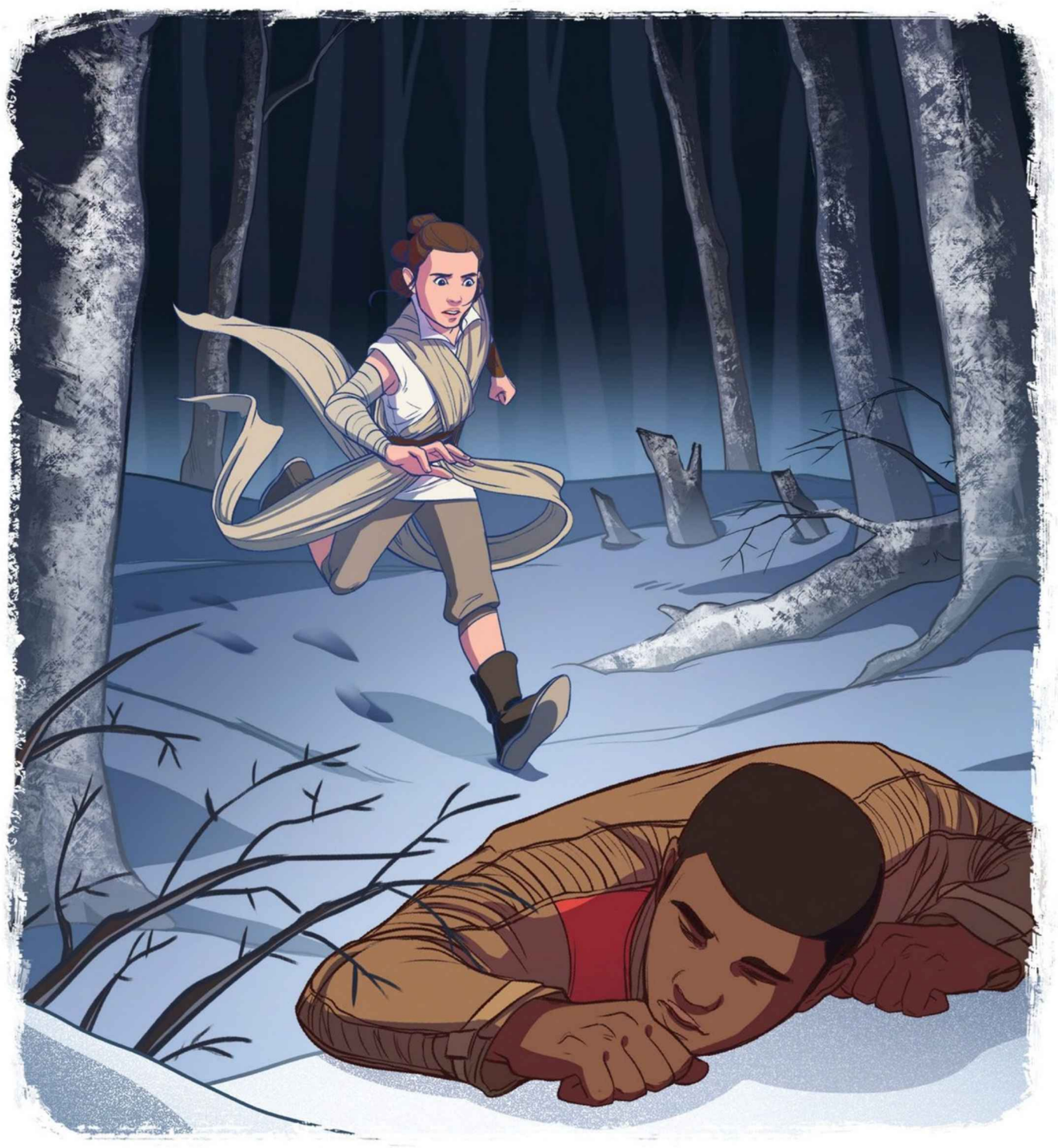
Suddenly, the ground between them split, opening a huge chasm. The planet was breaking apart. There was no more time to battle. If they didn't leave now, they would all be caught in the explosion.

Rey had to get back to Finn so they could get off the planet.

Rey sprinted to where her friend had collapsed.

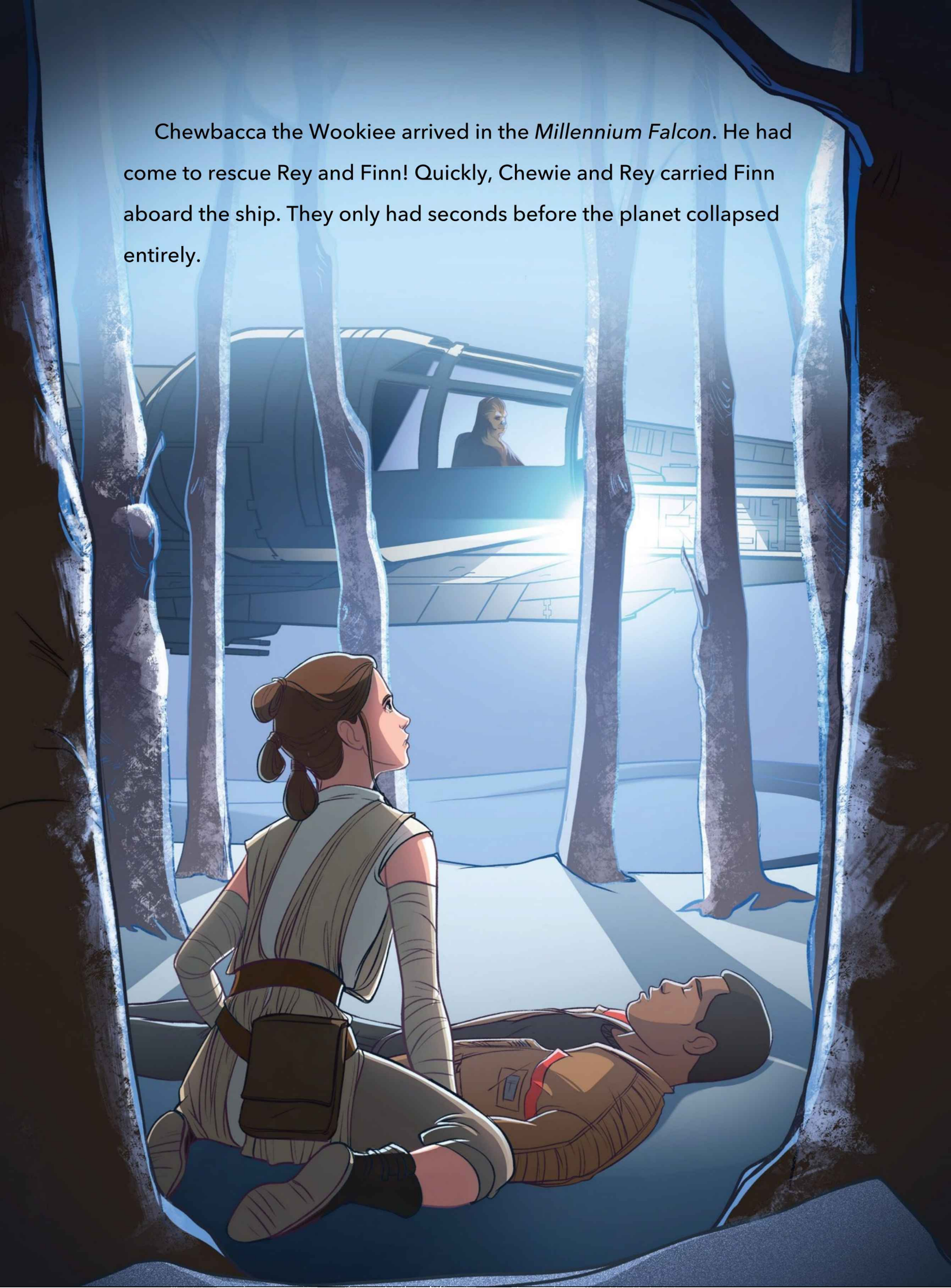
"Finn!" she cried.

It was all right. Finn was just unconscious.





Meanwhile, stormtroopers arrived to help Kylo Ren. They picked him up out of the snow and carried him to a ship to flee the planet.



Chewbacca the Wookiee arrived in the *Millennium Falcon*. He had come to rescue Rey and Finn! Quickly, Chewie and Rey carried Finn aboard the ship. They only had seconds before the planet collapsed entirely.



KA-BOOM!

The First Order planet exploded in a fiery burst of light. From the flames flew the *Millennium Falcon*. The heroes had escaped, and the Resistance was victorious. The Starkiller was no more.



Rey was proud that she and Finn had helped the Resistance succeed. Still, she knew that Kylo Ren would be back. And if she was going to defeat him for good, she would need to train in the ways of the Force.

But first she would need to find Jedi Knight Luke Skywalker. . . .

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THE LAST JEDI

POE'S PLAN

The Resistance had successfully destroyed the evil First Order's Starkiller Base, but the First Order had tracked the Resistance fleet back to their own base on the planet of D'Qar.

The last batch of Resistance troop transports was leaving the planet's surface to join the rest of the fleet in space. But they needed more time.

The First Order had arrived!



Ace pilot Poe Dameron looked to the leader of the Resistance, General Leia Organa.

He had an idea.

A crazy idea.

A crazy idea that Leia would surely dislike.

Leia knew all that without even hearing a word.

But they didn't have a choice.

They needed more time.

"Go," she told Poe.





General Hux of the First Order had been waiting for this moment with anticipation.

He wanted to put an end to the Resistance, and he had direct orders to do so from the First Order's Supreme Leader Snoke.

The First Order was going to demolish the Resistance base, destroy their transport ships, and defeat the Resistance fleet once and for all. But as Hux commanded his soldiers to prime the cannons on their ships, something shocking happened!

Poe Dameron and BB-8 zoomed toward the First Order Star Destroyers in Poe's black-and-orange X-wing. The tiny ship was dwarfed by the powerful fleet, and it confused the First Order officers.

With some help from BB-8, Poe was able to connect his comlink with the bridge of the Star Destroyer.

"Attention! This is Commander Poe Dameron of the Republic fleet. I have an urgent communiqué for General Hux."





"This is General Hux of the First Order," the officer barked back. "The Republic is no more, your 'fleet' are rebel scum and war criminals. Tell your precious princess there will be no terms, there will be no surrender."

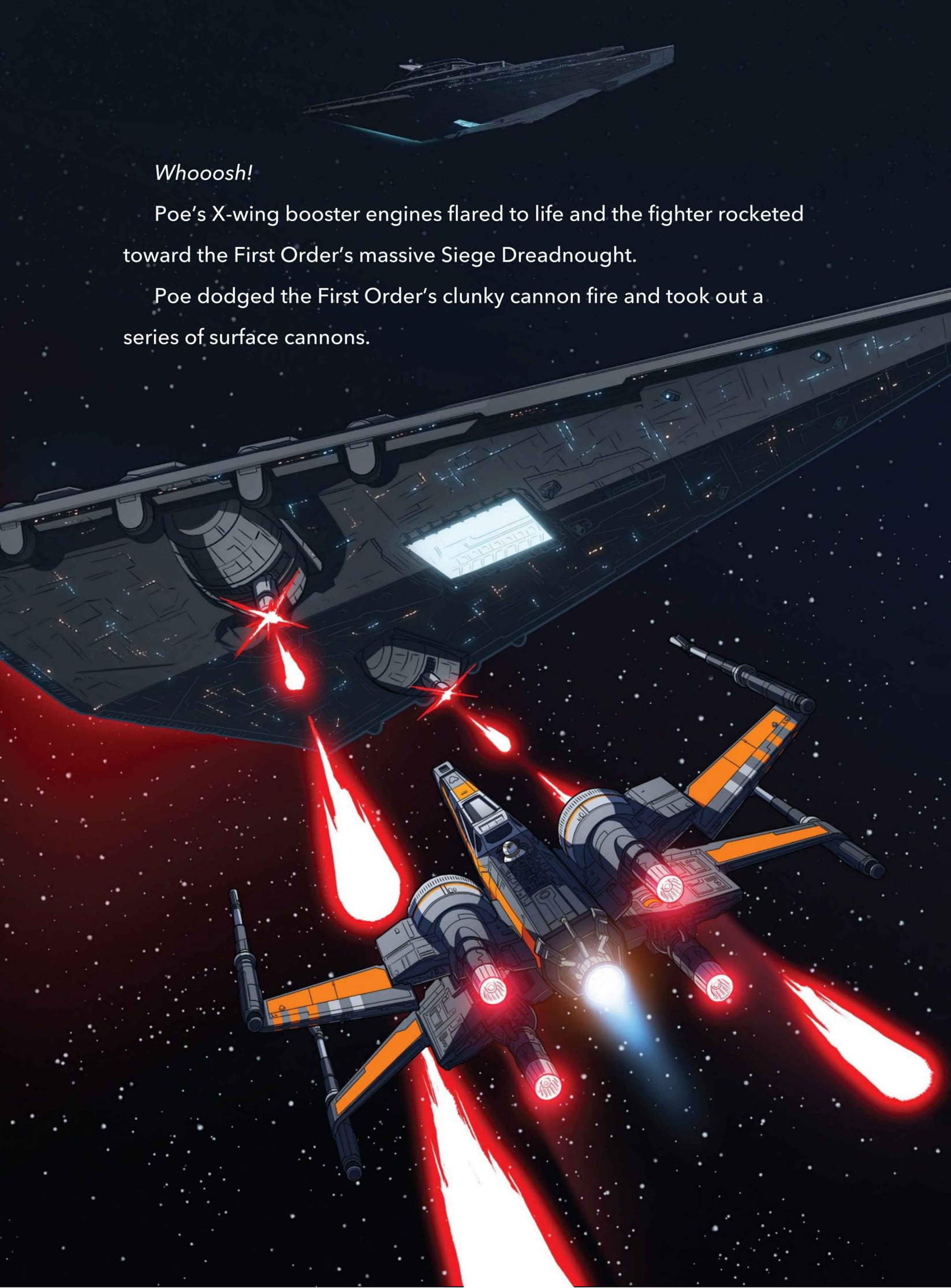


"Hi," Poe replied as he continued to race toward the First Order fleet. "I'm holding for General Hux."

Hux was frustrated and confused. Poe and BB-8 stifled their laughs as he blathered on about the power of the First Order and how the Resistance was doomed.

"Okay, I'll hold," Poe replied.

He just needed to keep Hux distracted a little longer. . . .



Whooosh!

Poe's X-wing booster engines flared to life and the fighter rocketed toward the First Order's massive Siege Dreadnought.

Poe dodged the First Order's clunky cannon fire and took out a series of surface cannons.



With some of the First Order cannons disabled, it was safer for the Resistance's bombers and the rest of the fleet to approach!

Poe had distracted the First Order long enough for the last of the Resistance transport ships to escape from the planet.

"Poe," Leia called over the comlink, "the evacuation is almost complete. Just keep them busy a little longer."





But before Poe could take out the last surface cannon on the Dreadnought, First Order TIE fighters screamed into battle. One of their blasts hit the underside of Poe's X-wing!

"My weapons systems are down, " Poe called to BB-8. "We need to take out that last cannon or our bombers are toast. Work your magic!"

BB-8 quickly got to work fixing Poe's X-wing while the battle raged on.

Infuriated by this new attack, the First Order's cannons started to fire at the surface of the planet below. The Resistance base was obliterated, but the last of the transports had connected with the fleet. The Resistance was safe, for the moment.



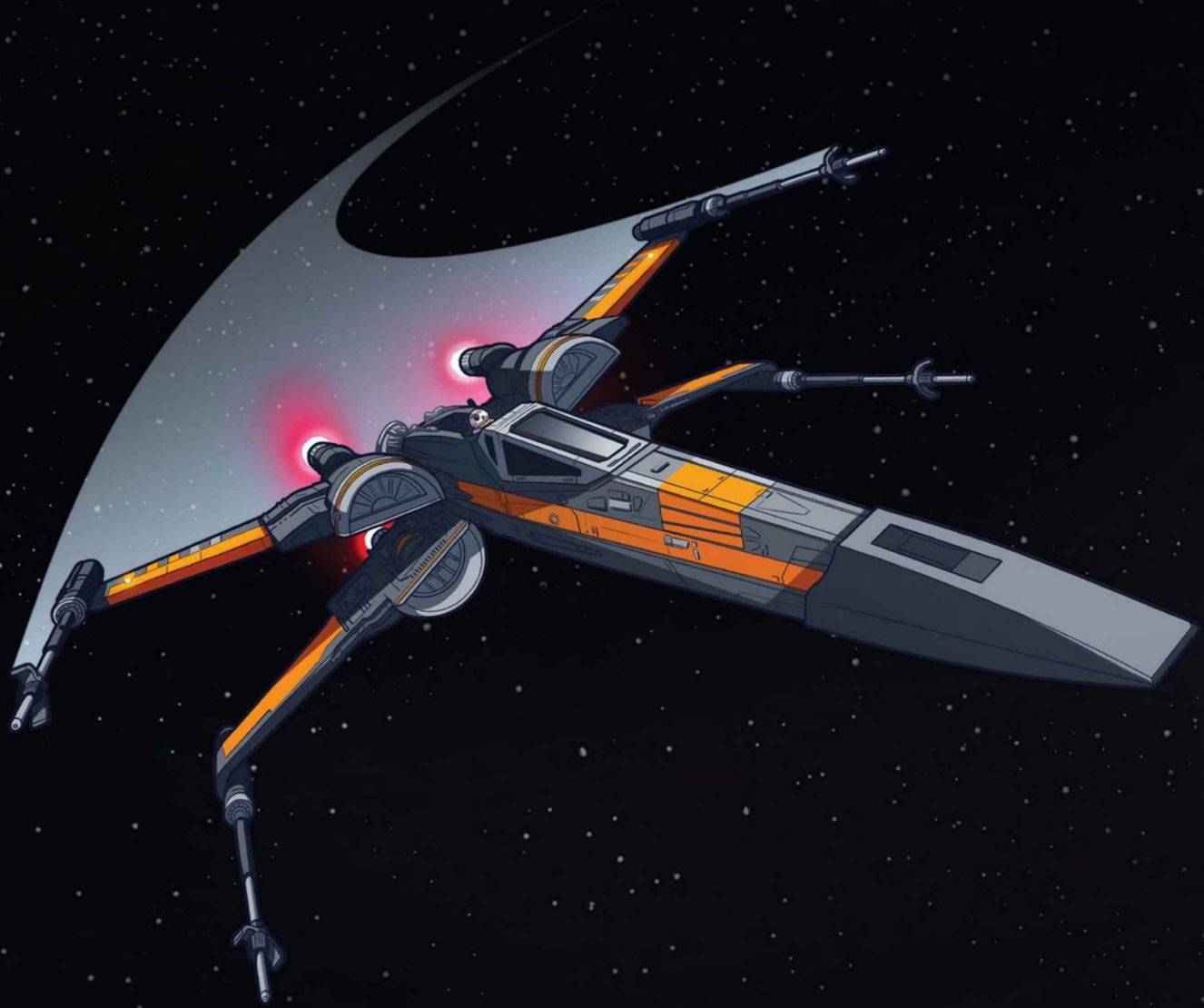


Poe knew they could destroy the First Order's Dreadnought. So rather than fall back and return to the safety of the fleet, he ignored Leia's orders and urged his squad to continue their space battle.



Poe was right, they could destroy the Dreadnought, and they did!

Many ships were lost, on both sides, but with the help of the bombers, the Resistance had struck a major blow to the First Order.



Poe and the remaining ships raced back to the Resistance fleet! This was their chance to escape so they could send out a call for help across the galaxy. If the Resistance was going to defeat the First Order once and for all, they would need all the support they could find!

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CAPTURED IN CANTO BIGHT

The Resistance was in trouble. The First Order had found a way to track the Resistance fleet through hyperspace. With the First Order tracking them, the Resistance couldn't escape.



Finn and a fellow Resistance fighter, Rose, had flown to the glamorous city of Canto Bight on the planet of Cantonica. They were there to find the Master Codebreaker who could help them sneak on board the First Order ship that was tracking the Resistance fleet and disable the tracking device. But they had been captured by the Canto Bight police for crashing on a private beach and were locked in prison.

Time was running out. Finn and Rose needed to escape to help the Resistance!



Just then, a strange character inside Finn and Rose's prison cell roused. He called himself DJ, and he had been listening to Finn and Rose's troubles. He said he could help them.

Finn wasn't so sure. DJ didn't look like much of a codebreaker, but the thief promised he was well versed in the First Order's ever-changing coding system. For the right price, DJ said he could get them out of the prison cell and sneak them on board the First Order Star Destroyer.

As Rose and Finn decided what to do, BB-8 quietly rolled into the prison. He hadn't been captured, and he knew he needed to help save his friends. Good thing the police were preoccupied with a game of cards. . . .



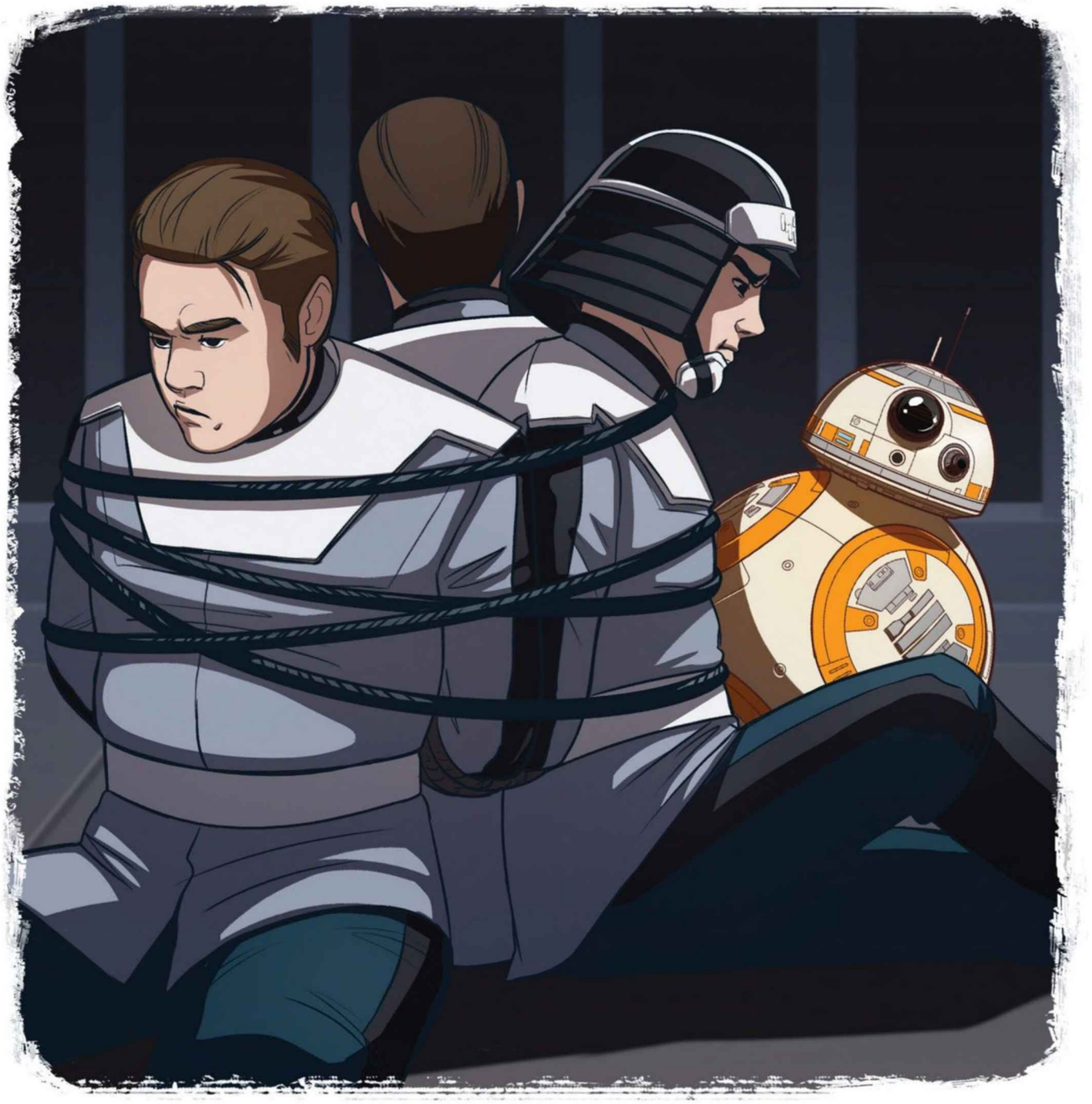


Finn and Rose decided to trust DJ. They didn't have too many other options, and the Resistance needed them.

After DJ pressed a few buttons and smacked the cell door, it actually opened!

Finn and Rose were shocked.

But then they were *all* shocked to find that the three guards had been tied up by BB-8!



DJ applauded BB-8's handiwork. But there wasn't time for celebrating as more guards came running.



In all the chaos, Finn and Rose lost track of DJ and BB-8. They wanted to find their friends, but they needed to get away from the police before they were thrown back in prison.

Finn and Rose ended up in a stable. But it wasn't just any stable. It was a fathier stable. Fathiers were magnificent creatures, but the wealthy patrons of Canto Bight only wanted to watch them race one another around a track. The people didn't care about how the animals were treated. They just wanted to be entertained.

When the fathiers weren't racing, they were kept in stables, not unlike the prison Finn and Rose had just escaped.

Finn and Rose befriended the stable boy. He wanted to help the Resistance, too!



When the police reached the fathier stable, the stable boy pressed a button and all the stable doors suddenly opened, freeing the mighty fathiers!



The entire herd raced out of the stable, with Finn and Rose riding on the back of the lead fathier. The animals were fast! And they seemed to run even faster now that they were free.

The herd of fathiers raced around the track and then crashed through an intricate glass window into the grand hall of Canto Bight. Patrons scattered this way and that as the massive creatures crushed their finery underfoot.



Then the herd ran out into the streets, leaving a path of beautiful destruction in their wake as they trampled over sporty speeders.

But the police were following close behind. Finn and Rose needed to break away from the city!



Finn and Rose led the herd out to a sea cliff. The fathiers ran even faster in the wide-open space.



Rose noticed that the police were letting the rest of the herd go to focus their attention on Finn and Rose.

Suddenly, Finn and Rose's fathier slammed to a stop at the edge of a cliff, throwing Finn and Rose to the ground. Rose thanked the fathier. Then the animal ran away freely into the night.



Finn and Rose were trapped. The Canto Bight police would soon catch them, and all hope for the Resistance would be lost. But they had freed the fathiers. They had done the right thing.

Just then a sleek ship rose from behind the cliff in front of Finn and Rose. A hatch opened and BB-8 appeared!

DJ and BB-8 had come to the rescue. Rose and Finn jumped into the ship right as the police arrived! They had escaped!





Finn, Rose, and BB-8 could continue their mission to stop the First Order, help the Resistance, and save the galaxy!




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